

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #79-25 Building Date: ca.1892

Building Name: St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall

Location: 14825 Pratt Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Private/Social/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall is a one-story front-gabled frame building with two shed additions. The main block is four bays by one bay; entrance is centered in the principal west facade, and is the only opening in that elevation. There is a plain wooden double door, with plain board surround. The west gable end is sheltered by a low hip-roof porch with a small square, flat-roof box-office built into the corner. The building is clad with German siding painted white. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash set high in the wall, and have narrow molded surrounds painted black. The cornice is boxed with crown molding and returned at the principal gable end. The gable roof is covered with pressed metal shingles in fishscale pattern. The land on which the building stands drops off sharply, east of the building, to the Western Branch. Just outside the west porch is a wrought iron spike fence.

Significance:

The St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall has for nearly a century been the center of the social, religious and charitable activities of the black Catholic community of Upper Marlboro. Membership in the Society assured emergency financial assistance to its members, and provided a center for social and cultural events. The building is representative of the growth of black benevolent societies in the 1880's. St. Mary's Beneficial Society was organized in 1880 with the purpose of providing financial assistance for emergencies, as well as death benefits, to its members. In July 1887, the Society purchased a lot in Upper Marlboro between the jail and the Western Branch. The lodge building was built soon afterwards; its form was similar to school buildings of the period, a one-story front-gabled building with simple entry porch. It became the meeting place of the Society, whose purpose was to maintain funds for relief of the sick and burial of the dead. Through dues and fees, the members were provided a kind of insurance otherwise unavailable to blacks during this period. St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall is one of only two known black Benevolent Society halls in Prince George's County; it is an important example of the black social and cultural heritage of Prince George's County.

Acreage: 9910 square feet

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 14825 Pratt Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town Upper Marlboro ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name St. Mary's Colored Beneficial Society of Prince George's County

street & number 109 42nd Street telephone no.:

city, town Washington, D. C. state and zip code 20019

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Court House liber JWB#10

street & number Main Street folio 256

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission M-NCPPC

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD.

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall is a one-story front gabled frame building, which was constructed to serve as a Benevolent Society meeting hall. It fronts directly on one of the main streets of the town of Upper Marlboro.

The Beneficial Hall consists of a gable-roof main block, with two shed additions. The main block is one-story, four bays by one bay, 44 by 24 feet. Entrance is centered in the principal west facade, and is the only opening in that elevation. There is a plain wooden double door, with plain board surround. The west gable end is sheltered by a low hip-roof porch, supported by plain posts; this porch was built before 1940 to replace an earlier, similar porch. It has a plain cornice, and a concrete slab floor. A small square, flat-roof box-office was built into the south corner of the porch after 1940; it is clad with German siding above vertical wainscoting.

The building is clad with German siding painted white. Windows on the long sides are 6/6 double hung sash; they are set high in the wall, and have narrow molded surrounds painted black; there are no shutters. The cornice is boxed with crown molding and returned at the principal gable end. The gable roof is covered with pressed metal shingles in fishscale pattern. There is an interior brick stove-chimney centered at the east (rear) gable end. The building rests on brick piers.

A low shed-roof wing was constructed at the rear (east) gable end at approximately the same time as the construction of the main block; it is two bays deep, with a window and door in its north facade. A further small shed extension has added two bathrooms to the rear of the building.

Interior of the main block consists of one large space. The walls are covered with vertical beaded wainscoting. Door and window surrounds are wide and molded, with plain board backbands and deep molded sills. A boxed staircase in the front northwest corner leads to loft space which is unlighted and unventilated. Centered in the east wall is a furnace, which replaces the original coal stove. Two doors in the east wall lead into the rear wing; this wing includes a kitchen space on the south, and, on the north, a small entry space from which the two rear bathrooms are accessible.

The land on which the building stands drops off sharply, immediately east of the building, to the Western Branch. Just outside the west porch, and serving to protect the building from street traffic, is a wrought iron spike fence, erected in the 1950's.

8. Significance

Survey No. PG#79-25

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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	<input type="checkbox"/> invention			

Black History

Specific dates ca. 1892

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall has for nearly a century been the center of the social, religious and charitable activities of the black Catholic community of Upper Marlboro. Membership in the Society assured emergency financial assistance to its members, and provided a center for social and cultural events. The building, although modest, is representative of the growth of black benevolent societies in the 1880's.

St. Mary's Beneficial Society was organized in January 1880 with the purpose of providing financial assistance for emergencies, as well as death benefits, to its members. The Constitution of the Society calls for a board of 14 officers, including a President, two Vice-Presidents, two Secretaries and a Treasurer. Four of the charter members were Matthias Simmons, Stephen Perry, James Forbes and Dominic Quander, all active men in the black community of Upper Marlboro.¹

The organization of the Society was led by William A. Rhoder, a (white) parishioner of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Rhoder, the son of a German immigrant, was a salesman in one of the general stores in Upper Marlboro, and lived in the house just north of Rothstein's bakery; he helped to draw up the Constitution and the bylaws of the Beneficial Society, and trained the members of the new Society to continue the management of it.²

The principal purpose of the Society was to maintain sufficient funds for relief of the sick and burial of the dead. All members, Catholics between the ages of 16 and 50, paid a set membership fee, as well as small monthly dues. A Junior Division known as the "Children's Society" accepted members between the ages of 1 and 16; fees and dues were correspondingly lower. Members who suffered prolonged illness would receive sick benefits for up to eight weeks; families of deceased members received a large payment at the time of death, and immediately thereafter the other members replenished the treasury by payment of a death tax. By this means, the members were provided a kind of insurance otherwise unavailable to blacks during this period.³

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Statement of Significance (continued)

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During the late 1880's, members of the Society began to look for property on which to build a meeting hall. After the death of Benjamin Westerfield in 1878, the small lot on which stood his house and tailor shop was offered for sale; this lot was close to St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, the home church of most of the Society members. Before Westerfield's lot could be sold, however, his house and shop were entirely destroyed by fire in May 1884. Three years later the property was again offered for sale; in July 1887, Westerfield's "lot in Upper Marlborough fronting on the public street from the jail to the Western Branch bridge" was sold for \$50 to St. Mary's Colored Beneficial Society of Prince George's County.⁴

The small one-story building which serves as the Hall of the St. Mary's Beneficial Society was completed by 1892. Its form was very similar to school buildings of this period, a one-story front-gabled building with simple entry porch (cf. for comparison P.G. #80-12, Silesia Schoolhouse, 1902).

During the construction of the present St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church (May 1898-May 1899), the Beneficial Society Hall was consecrated and used for church services.⁵

There have been several alterations to the St. Mary's Beneficial Hall building in this century. Before the 1930's, the original porch was replaced by the present porch structure; later, in the 1940's, a small box office was constructed within this porch structure, to provide admission to special events. At approximately the same time, the bathroom addition was built on the rear, wainscot panelling applied to the interior walls, and the iron fence erected around the front porch. The Society has continued to function, but membership has decreased; in recent years, the building has been rented to local groups for regular meetings.⁶

There is only one other (known) example of a black Benevolent Society Hall surviving in Prince George's County: it is Rebecca Lodge #6 of the Benevolent Sons and Daughters of Abraham, located on Rossville near Beltsville. Abraham Hall, as this building is known, was constructed in 1889, and is a two-story front-gabled building with handsome interior trim typical of the period.⁷

During the twentieth century, St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall was part of an historic streetscape of four frame buildings ranging in date from circa 1850 to 1920. Three of these buildings have been destroyed since 1973 and the Hall is the single survivor; the site of the other three buildings immediately to its south is now in use as a parking lot. The St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall is now a noticeable landmark in the town of Upper Marlboro. Although it is not as large and substantial as Abraham Hall, it is an important example of the black social and cultural heritage of Prince George's County.

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Notes

- 1 Constitution of St. Mary's Beneficial Society, 1880; conversation with James Quander, son of Charter member and Society president 1944 to present, June 1987.
- 2 A History of the St. Mary's Beneficial Society, manuscript; Prince George's County Equity #2875; Census for Prince George's County, 1880, 1900.
- 3 Constitution of St. Mary's Beneficial Society, 1880.
- 4 Prince George's County Equity #1282; Prince George's County Deeds, JWB #10:256, ON #1:106.
- 5 A History of St. Mary's Beneficial Society, manuscript; Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1890's; cf. also P.G. #79-44.
- 6 Conversation with James Quander, June 1987.
- 7 Cf. Inventory file and National Register nomination for Abraham Hall, P.G. #62-7.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. PG #79-25

cf. Chain of Title

cf. Notes, Item # 8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 9910 sq. feet

Tax map 101, parcel 170

Quadrangle name Bristol, Section D

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research Historianorganization Historic Preservation Commissiondate July 1987street & number c/o M-NCPPCtelephone 952-3521city or town Upper Marlborostate MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

CHAIN OF TITLE
ST. MARY'S BENEFICIAL SOCIETY HALL
P.G.#79-25

JWB#10:256
1 June 1888
Deed

Richard E. Brandt, trustee to St. Mary's Colored Beneficial Society of Prince George's; "lot in Upper Marlboro fronting on public street from jail to Western Branch Bridge", same conveyed to Benjamin Westerfield in 1852

#1282
summer 1879
Equity

Richard E. Brandt appointed trustee to sell lot of B. Westerfield on which stood his house and tailor shop; failed to sell on first attempt, Aug 1879; in May 1884 buildings destroyed by fire; sale for \$50 to St. Mary's, 8 July 1887

ON#1:106
10 Apr 1852
Deed

James & Elizabeth Crandall to Benjamin Westerfield; lot now in possession of Westerfield, adjoining property now in occupancy of Greenbury Ridgeley

St. Mary's Beneficial Society building
14825 Pratt Street, Upper Marlboro, Md.
Priv/occ/soc-relig/good

(1888).

The St. Mary's Beneficial Society building is a very simple one-story gable-roofed frame structure. It is four bays long (east to west) and its west gable end fronts on Pratt Street. The central entrance is the only opening in this west gable end; it is sheltered by a simple porch.

This building has for nearly a century been the center of social, religious, and charitable activities of the local black community. It stands on a small lot on which Benjamin Westerfield established his home and tailor shop during the third quarter of the nineteenth century. After his death in 1878, an attempt was made to sell the house and adjoining shop, but the attempt failed and the buildings were entirely destroyed by fire in May 1884. Three years later the vacant lot (less than $\frac{1}{2}$ acre) was sold (for \$50) to St. Mary's Colored Beneficial Society of Prince George's County, an adjunct of the neighboring St. Mary's Catholic Church. The present building was constructed ca. 1888.

Until recent years, this building was part of an historic streetscape of four frame buildings ranging in date from ca. 1850 to 1930. Two of these buildings have been demolished since 1973. St. Mary's Beneficial Society would like to have its building established as an individual historic resource or site, in hopes of protecting it from a similar fate.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

P.G.79-25

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

(revised information entered 11/9/81)

1 NAME

HISTORIC

St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

14825 Pratt Street

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

___ VICINITY OF

4th

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

Prince George's

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
 ___ STRUCTURE
 ___ SITE
 ___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
 ___ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
 ___ IN PROCESS
 ___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
 ___ UNOCCUPIED
 ___ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
 ___ YES: RESTRICTED
 ___ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE ___ MUSEUM
 ___ COMMERCIAL ___ PARK
 ___ EDUCATIONAL ___ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 ___ ENTERTAINMENT ☒ RELIGIOUS
 ___ GOVERNMENT ___ SCIENTIFIC
 ___ INDUSTRIAL ___ TRANSPORTATION
 ___ MILITARY ☒ OTHER: Social

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

St. Mary's Beneficial Society of P.G. Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

14825 Pratt Street

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

___ VICINITY OF

Md.

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

P.G. Co. Courthouse

Liber #: JWB#10

Folio #: 256

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

Md.

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

P.G. Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE

1974

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ☒ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS

Calvert Mansion, INCPPC, 4811 Riverdale Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Riverdale, Md.

STATE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) local social history
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

ca. 1888

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building has for nearly a century been the center of social, religious, and charitable activities of the local black community. It stands on a small lot on which Benjamin Westerfield established his home and tailor shop during the third quarter of the nineteenth century. After his death in 1878, an attempt was made to sell the house and adjoining shop, but the attempt failed and the buildings were entirely destroyed by fire in May 1884.¹ Three years later the vacant lot (less than $\frac{1}{4}$ acre) was sold to St. Mary's Colored Beneficial Society of Prince George's County, an adjunct of the neighboring St. Mary's Catholic Church. The present building was constructed ca. 1888.²

Until recent years, this building was part of an historic streetscape of four frame buildings ranging in date from ca. 1850 to 1930. Two of these buildings have been demolished since 1973. St. Mary's Beneficial Society hopes to protect this building from a similar fate.

1. Equity #1282

2. JWB#10:256

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P. # 49-25

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Store Buildings				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Various Addresses				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Prince George's		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No		
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Various private owners -- see p. 3				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION						
CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE						
<p>These store buildings appear on the 1878 "Hopkins Atlas" as the R. Scott, T. Westerfield, and Charles Ridgely buildings. The parking lot on the southwest end of the row of extant buildings was owned by George Wilson.</p> <p>The buildings are one and two-and-one-half story structures, built of frame with tongue-and-groove siding. One building has bracketed porch posts, another has chamfered posts, and one has had the post removed, although the shed-type porch roof remains. All buildings have plain board window frames.</p> <p>The buildings, although singularly of minor importance, as a group, give a good view of what Upper Marlboro's Main Street probably looked like in the mid-nineteenth century. The buildings are typical of the period's commercial or combined commercial and residential structures.</p>						

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

OTHER: Owners of record (from NE to SW)

St. Mary's Beneficial Assoc.

James E. Diggs, 14823 Pratt St.
Upper Marlboro

Lois I. Spaulding,
1705 Ritchie Road
Forestville

William Finglass
4054 Main Street
Upper Marlboro

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds		LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC	DATE: April 17, 73
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

CHAIN OF TITLE
ST. MARY'S BENEFICIAL SOCIETY HALL
P.G.#79-25

JWB#10:256
1 June 1888
Deed

Richard E. Brandt, trustee to St. Mary's Colored Beneficial Society of Prince George's; "lot in Upper Marlboro fronting on public street from jain to Western Branch Bridge", same conveyed to Benjamin Westerfield in 1852

#1282
summer 1879
Equity

Richard E. Brandt appointed trustee to sell lot of B. Westerfield on which stood his house and tailor shop; failed to sell on first attempt, Aug 1879; in May 1884 buildings destroyed by fire; sale for \$50 to St. Mary's, 8 July 1887

ON#1:106
10 Apr 1852
Deed

James & Elizabeth Crandall to Benjamin Westerfield; lot now in possession of Westerfield, adjoining property now in occupance of Greenbury Ridgeley

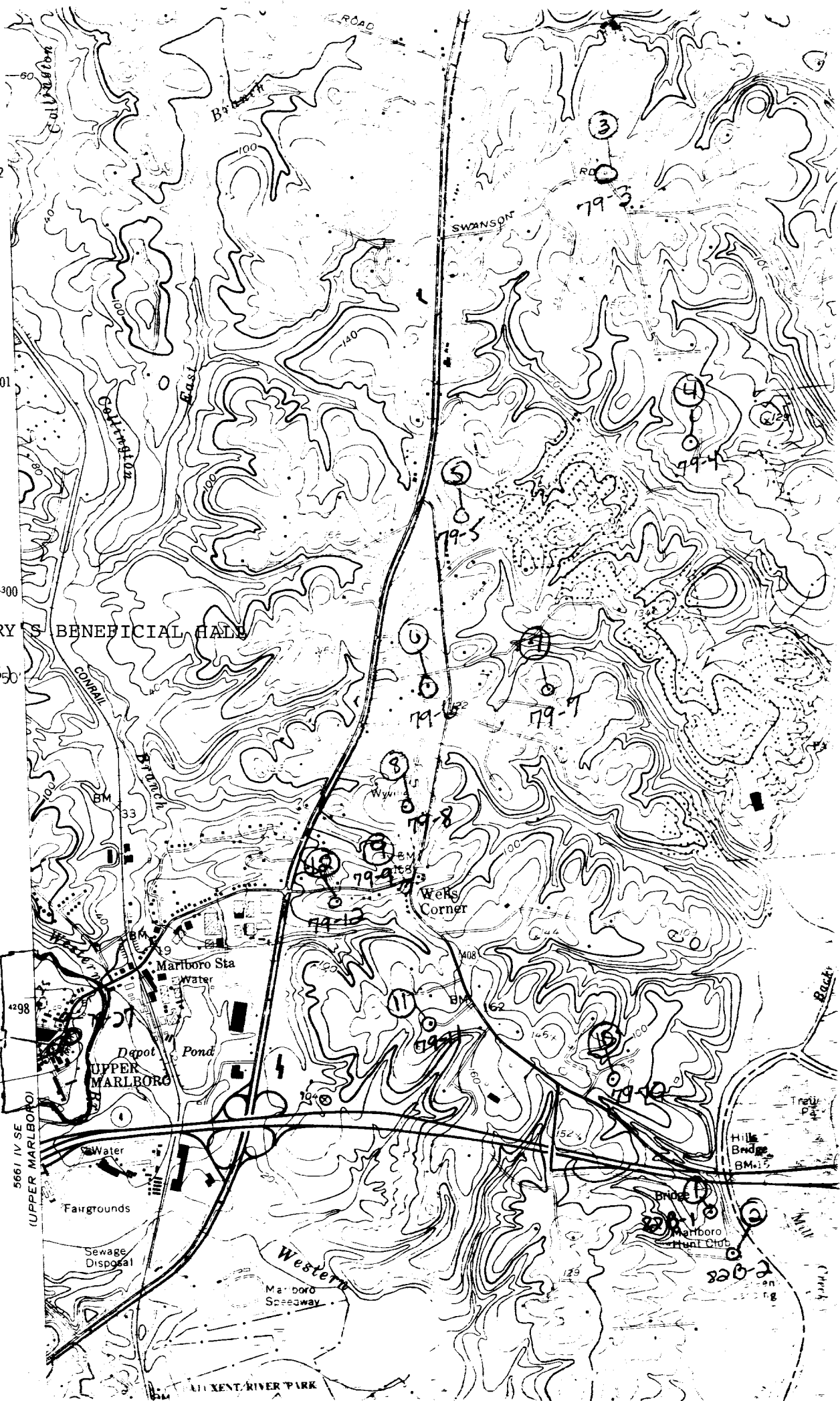
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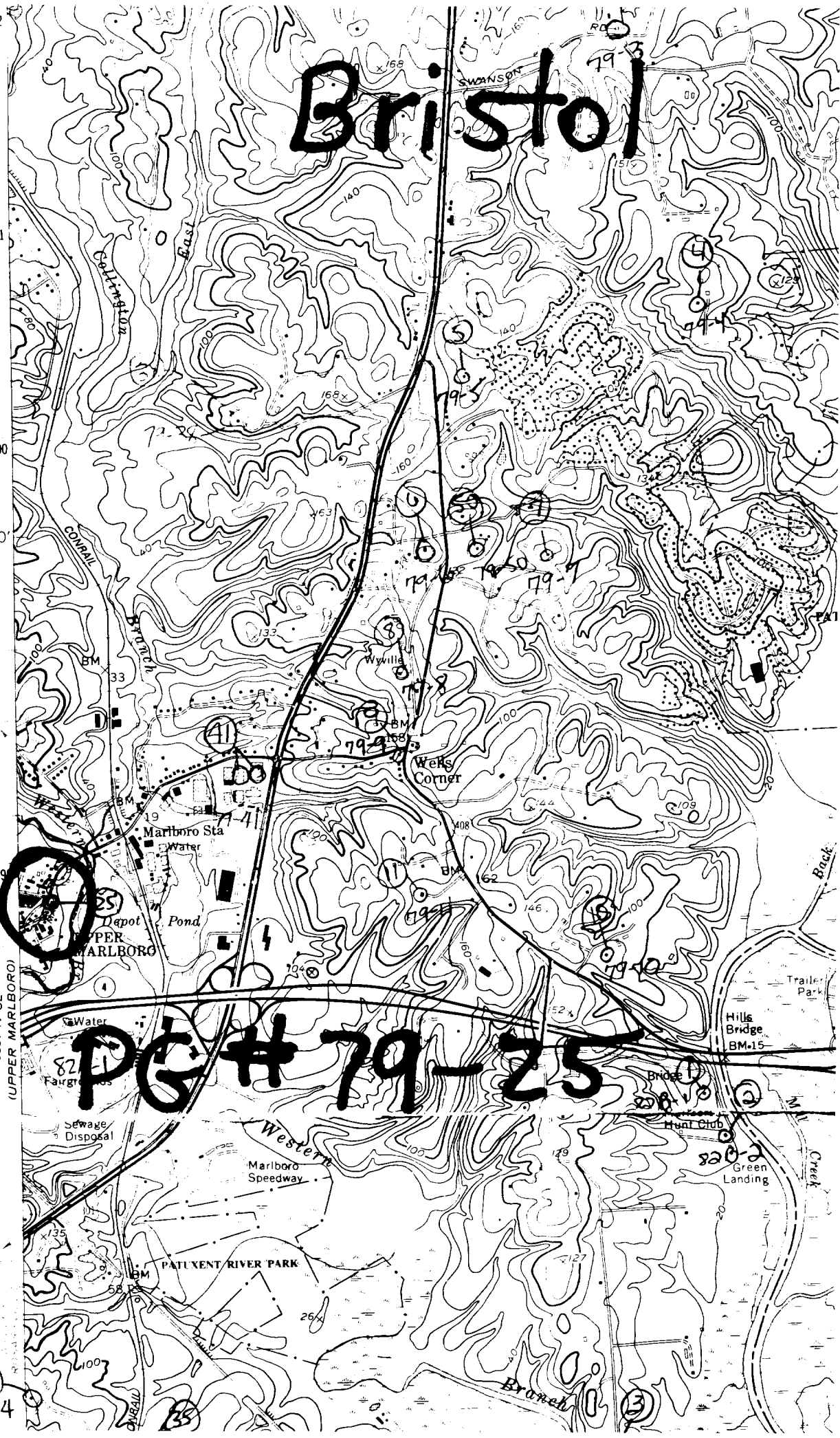
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